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HOUSE MEMORIAL 64

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF JANET MONTOYA SCHOEPPNER.

WHEREAS, Janet Montoya Schoeppner valiantly fought cancer for almost twenty years with courage, grace and dignity; and

WHEREAS, she committed twenty-five years of her life to teaching, was an outstanding educator in the Albuquerque public school system and was close to retiring at the time of her passing; and

WHEREAS, she loved children and children loved her; and

WHEREAS, she dedicated her career to teaching early childhood literacy, bilingual education and English as a second language to the youngest in her community; and

WHEREAS, she was a 1979 Albuquerque high school graduate, proud to teach in Barelvas, the community in which she was born and raised; and

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1 WHEREAS, she spent most of her career in the Albuquerque
2 high school cluster teaching at Eugene Field, Longfellow and
3 Lew Wallace elementary schools and finished her career at Adobe
4 Acres elementary school in the south valley; and

5 WHEREAS, she was a community activist and a teacher of
6 teachers who exhibited leadership in all aspects of her life,
7 including within the Democratic party and as executive vice
8 president of the Albuquerque teachers federation; and

9 WHEREAS, Janet believed in equal opportunity for all and
10 worked to help local and migrant children to be dual language
11 users; and

12 WHEREAS, because of Janet's contribution to the dual
13 language program, the Janet Montoya Schoeppner scholarship fund
14 was created; and

15 WHEREAS, she received her bachelor's and master's degrees
16 from the university of New Mexico and went on to teach at the
17 college of education for six years, where she mentored
18 beginning teachers and college seniors; and

19 WHEREAS, she created a structure in her union that ensured
20 all teachers would get the support they needed to advance in
21 their careers, and she gained national recognition for her work
22 in professional development for teachers; and

23 WHEREAS, she was a friend beyond compare, a loving
24 daughter and sister, a brilliant teacher, a mentor to all and
25 one of the wisest women anyone has known; and

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1 WHEREAS, she was the best: the best wife, daughter,
2 sister, friend, nina, teacher and mentor and was incomparable
3 in life and irreplaceable for all; and

4 WHEREAS, Janet was the daughter of Roger and Esther
5 Montoya, named after her grandmother who was one of three
6 Jessies in the Montoya family; they were very proud of her and
7 her accomplishments and she deeply loved them; and

8 WHEREAS, while fulfilling her professional duties as an
9 educator, she worked tirelessly in her union to share her
10 teaching knowledge and her expertise with hundreds of teachers,
11 enabling them to start on their own professional journey in
12 which many would attempt to emulate her astounding ability with
13 both children and adults; and

14 WHEREAS, her powerful grace leaves everyone richer but
15 wanting more time to love her and to be loved by her; and

16 WHEREAS, Janet was wife to John, sister to Donna and
17 Joseph, tia to Joaquin, Mandi and Joseph, a sister-in-law to
18 Therese Schoeppner, Jerry Schoeppner and wife Carol Salazar and
19 godmother to Monica, Adelina, Joaquin, Jonathan, Joseph and
20 E.J. and is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and
21 friends;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the life of
24 Janet Montoya Schoeppner be recognized and honored; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that condolences be extended to the

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1 family and friends of Janet Montoya Schoeppner on her passing;
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
4 transmitted to her husband, John Schoeppner.

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